Roads declared as NHs in Madhya Pradesh

†1132. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPINQ ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

the length of the roads declared as National Highways by the Central Government in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

whether the surface of these highways is like that of the other highways;

if not, by when these highways would be developed like other highways; and

the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No road has been declared as National Highways during the last three years in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Revival of stilwell road stretch

1133. SHRl EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that India is set to fully revive its side of the famous stilwell road of World War II, which stretches across Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and into China and Myanmar;

whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is adding another 1,200 km. to the original plan of 1,310 km, thus expanding the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme (SARDP) for the North-East; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRl K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) 56.5 km NH 153 forms the portion of stilwell road in India, 24 km in Assam and 32.5 km in Arunachal Pradesh. The existing road is of single lane standards. Its widening to 2-lane/2-lane with paved shoulders has been included under Phase 'A' of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE). Widening/improvement work in 24 km in Assam has already commenced. The portion falling in Arunachal Pradesh has been included in modified Phase 'A' of SARDP-NE, approved by Government for implementation on 1.10.2007.

The scope of Phase 'A' of SARDP-NE has been expanded to cover 2304 km roads against 1310 km covered by the original approval granted by Government.

Details of the roads covered under Phase 'A' of SARDP-NE is given at the Statement.

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